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Wayne: do we have a file on this?
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Re: Continued noncompliance in the case of operations under surface management case U-66366 T3S, R21E, Sec. 29, NW1/4NW1/4 (SLM)

Mr. Stevens:

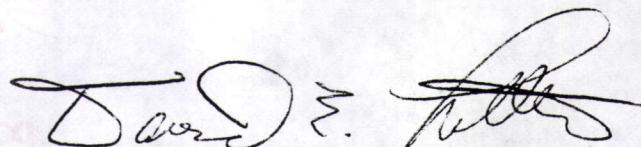
On 5/27/93, D.J. Beaupeurt-Schantz and Peter Sokolosky inspected your operation under notice. It was found that the location was in the same condition as it was during a prior inspection on 4/2/92. The open shaft remains as a safety hazard. D.J. and Peter located some fencing left in a roll near the shaft and pulled it across the north side of the shaft for safety purposes. Additionally, an "Open Shaft" sign was erected upon this fence.

Your operation continues to be in noncompliance. The case file in this matter was sent to the Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management for their advice regarding how to resolve the matter of your continued noncompliance. Personnel there suggested a number of alternatives. The alternative with which I concur is for the Bureau to take measures to reclaim the location. This consists of filling in the shaft and removing any miscellaneous material such as the fencing and lumber from the immediate location. The costs to conduct the reclamation will be forwarded to the Utah State Office of the BLM. That office will work through the U.S. Attorney's Office to recover the costs to the Bureau to conduct the reclamation.

This is to advise you that on or about September 3, 1993, personnel from this office will be at the location to fill in the shaft with the sand and rock material located near the shaft. You should remove any personal property from the vicinity of the shaft before this date or it will be removed.

Since you have failed to comply with previous notices, you have established a "record of noncompliance". I will recommend to the Utah State Office that the period of your record of noncompliance should be for an indefinite time period. The implication of this is that you will not be able to operate under a notice in the future. Instead, you will be required to submit a plan of operation and post a 100 percent reclamation bond for any operation other than casual use conducted anywhere on Bureau administered lands.

If you have any questions, please contact D.J. Beaupeurt-Schantz or Peter Sokolosky at (801) 789-1362.



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